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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT: Revenue from Vending Machines

REFERENCE: Memo to DD/S from D/Pers. dated 28 Dec. 1955,
DD/S 55-3461, Same Subject

1. This memorandum is for your information and reports on our approach to GSA to explore the possibility of transferring control of vending machines in local Agency buildings from the GSA to the CIA Welfare Assistance Board.

2. At the present time substantially all contracts with GSA for the operation of the machines are held either by the Society for the Blind or Government Services, Inc. GSI already contributes a percentage of the profits from the machines they operate to the Welfare Board.

3. Representatives of GSA have advised that under the Randolph-Shepherd Act, which provides for the operation of the vending machines, Congress has urged that as many machines as possible be leased to organizations for the blind. Some few strong employee organizations, such as postal employee groups, still own vending machines, but GSA advises us that it is the intent of Congress that such ownership will gradually be eliminated. The number of machines controlled by GSI is gradually being reduced also.

4. In view of these developments, we have concluded that additional effort in this direction is not warranted at this time. However, we do propose to reconsider the possibility in planning for the new headquarters building.

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